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**Subject:** RE: Updated Clarksburg WV Issue Paper  
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As soon as the link to the Administrative Order is posted (within the hour), we'll issue the attached press release.

Thanks,

Chad Nitsch  
Director, Office of Public Affairs  
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Morning Chad! Just checking on status of press release here?

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Following up on the Clarksburg issue, the Region just signed this Emergency Administrative Order against the Clarksburg Water Board. We are in the process of notifying Congressional District Offices. On the media side, we'll be issuing a press release tomorrow morning, and I will send to this group when finalized. Please contact me if you have questions.

Thank you,

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Thanks, Chad. I appreciate the update and please let me know if you need anything on our end.

I don't think I have any questions at this time, but would like to continue to be updated.

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FYI, this joint release is being distributed today to media around Clarksburg, West Virginia.

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Lindsay, David,

Please see note from Diana below and attached issue paper. We notified OW on this issue last week and the situation continues to evolve. Happy to talk through details if you have questions.

Thanks,

Chad Nitsch

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Casey,

The issue of potential lead in drinking water in Clarksburg, WV, is evolving daily. We have been in close contact multiple times daily with WV Department of Health and Human Services (WVDHHS) to assess and support the situation.

WVDHHS has briefed the Governor's office. The WVDHHS asked today if EPA would be willing to issue a joint press statement regarding the potential of lead in the system and the assessment which is occurring to obtain samples to verify whether or not lead is present in the drinking water system. Chad Nitsch, Director of R3 Office of Public Affairs, is coordinating with WV and HQ on the possibility of a joint press release.

Please feel free to call me, Paul Leonard or Chad Nitsch for more information.

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